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PROMOTION OF UNDERGROUND MINING BY CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) is looking for overseas technical and financial tie-ups to promote underground mining in a big way;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): Production from underground mines of Coal India Limited (CIL) is to be enhanced to a level of 54.56 million tonnes by the year 2011-12 (terminal year of XIth Plan period) from the present level of about 45 million tonnes. The majority of this additional underground production has to come through introduction of mass production technology like long-wall and introduction of continuous miners. Apart from significant capital requirement, equipment needed for this are not indigenously available. In view of this CIL has to source supply of equipment from overseas countries involving technical as well as financial tie-ups.

(b) & (c): Presently CIL has taken up an exercise to formulate a road map for achieving higher targets from its underground mines.